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sequence having at least about 50% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.

- 5. The molecule of claim 1, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 6. The molecule of claim 1, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1 or a sufficiently similar sequence thereto to exhibit the ability to regulate calcium ion entry into cells.
- 7. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein functioning in regulating calcium ion entry into cells, said nucleotide sequence having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID:1 from nucleotide 314 to nucleotide 1036.
- 11. The molecule of claim 9, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 30% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 12. The molecule of claim 9, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 13. The molecule of claim 9, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 14. The molecule of claim 9, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1 or a sufficiently similar sequence thereto to exhibit the ability to regulate calcium ion entry into cells.

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20. The host cell of claim 18, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 30% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.

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- 21. The host cell of claim 18, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 22. The host cell of claim 18, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 23. The host cell of claim 18, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1 or a sufficiently similar sequence thereto to exhibit the ability to regulate calcium ion entry into cells.

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- 26. A purified protein, said protein having an amino acid sequence having at least about 30% identity to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1, said protein functioning in regulating calcium ion entry into cells.
- 27. The protein of claim 26, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 28. The protein of claim 26, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% identity to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 29. The protein of claim 26, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1 or a sufficiently similar amino acid sequence

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thereto to exhibit the ability to regulate calcium ion entry into cells.

30. A purified protein, said protein having an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.

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- 32. A recombinant protein, comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 30% identity to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1, said protein functioning in regulating calcium ion entry into cells.
- 33. The protein of claim 32, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% identity to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.

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- 36. The method of claim 34, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 30% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 37. The method of claim 34, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% identity with the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 38. The method of claim 34, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1.
- 39. The method of claim 34, wherein said protein is comprised of an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 314-1036 of SEQ ID:1 or a sufficiently similar sequence thereto to exhibit the ability to regulate calcium entry into cells.